

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in Joint Session to receive a State of the Union Address from the President of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S245–S271

Measures Introduced: Thirty-five bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 273–307, S.J. Res. 8–10, and S. Res. 33–37. **Pages S264–65**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 33, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. Res. 34, authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

S. Res. 37, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the State of the Union delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on February 7, 2023; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM–1)

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Benjamin Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 6), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 9, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture; that at 11 a.m., all remaining post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired; that following disposition of the nomination of DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Cindy K. Chung,

of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Tuesday, February 7, 2023, ripen at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, February 9, 2023.

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Chung Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Cindy K. Chung, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Mendez-Miro Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gina R. Mendez-Miro, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Cindy K. Chung, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

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Messages from the House:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:	Page S270
Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—6)	Pages S251–52

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 10:41 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S270–71.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 118th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 856–865; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 29–31; H. Con. Res. 14; and H. Res. 98–101, were introduced. **Pages H737–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H739**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 97, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 185) to terminate the requirement imposed by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for proof of COVID–19 vaccination for foreign travelers, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 24) disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022; and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 26) disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022 (H. Rept. 118–3). **Page H737**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:14 a.m. and reconvened at 10:17 a.m. **Page H714**

Reading of the Constitution: Pursuant to section 5(h) of H. Res. 5, the Chair recognized Representative Jordan for the reading of the Constitution. **Pages H714–720**

Recess: The House recessed at 11 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m. **Page H720**

Terminating the requirement imposed by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention for proof of COVID–19 vaccination for foreign travelers, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022, and disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022—Rule for consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 97, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 185) to terminate the requirement imposed by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for proof of COVID–19 vaccination for foreign travelers; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 24) disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022; and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 26) disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022, by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 109, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 108. **Pages H720–28**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 8:33 p.m. **Page H728**

State of the Union Address: President Joseph Biden delivered his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 11. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Scalise, Emmer, Stefanik, Hudson, Palmer, Johnson (LA), Chavez-DeRemer, Kiggans, Jeffries,